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TOPIC Brandis Airfield

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REMARKS

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1. On 26 June 1952, three Li-2s each towing a cargo glider took off from Brandis airfield. Four Li-2s each landed at 10 a.m. on 30 June and took off on 1 July. At 10 p.m. on 3 July, four Li-2s circled the field for about 20 minutes and, subsequently, landed at the field after white ground signals were fired. At 2 p.m. on 4 July, four Li-2s were observed taking off. On 26 and 27 June and on 1, 2 and 3 July, there was flying by an average of 8 to 10 MIG-15s. Air activity was started by the take-off and landing of a single-engine plane. About 20 MIG-15s, 4 single-engine aircraft, 2 Li-2s and 2 U-2s were observed at the field. After 20 June, 12 men wearing black-bordered red epaulets were observed at the field.

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2. A PKV-45 DF station was located both on Kohlenberg near Leulitz and north of the guardhouse at the entrance to the field. Motor vehicles were observed entering and leaving the field.

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3. Between 1:30 and 6 p.m. on 27 June, 16 jet fighters took off in groups of 8 in rapid succession. In the air the aircraft assembled in formations of four planes and practiced formation flying for 17 to 19 minutes. Shortly after the take-offs of the first formation of 16 aircraft two other jet fighters were observed taking off. Throughout the day, there was formation flying by groups of four aircraft. The 16 planes took off six times. Flying continued until 6 p.m. One biplane also took off. Between 1:30 and 7:30 p.m. on 1 July, 16 jet fighters took off individually and made individual local flights.




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*  Comment. The report confirms that Brandis airfield is still occupied by a jet fighter regiment. Training in formations of about 5 aircraft agrees with previous observations made on the other fighter regiments which were newly organized in the fall of 1951.  Li-2s towed cargo gliders is connected with the air landing exercises of an army unit in the Altenburg-Jena-Weimar area which was held between 19 June and early July 1952. 

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